

National Weather Service Forecast Office Missoula, Montana

Copper King Fire Flash Flood Potential

Type of rain needed for flash flooding:

- HIGH INTENSITY rainfall produced by thunderstorms.
- 0.40 inches or more of rainfall in 30 minutes or less.

Greatest risks:

 Sleepy Gulch, Bay State Creek, and Big Hole Creek.

Impacts:

- Fast, powerfully moving water
- Debris flows (consisting of rocks, mud, and trees) moving at very dangerous speeds. Some rocks could be the size of boulders.



BE ALERT!

Flash floods and debris flows can quickly inundate streams, channels, and low lying area; impacting roads, trail systems, and campgrounds.

Be aware of any precipitation that develops!

DO NOT WAIT for a warning to evacuate.

If rainfall is occurring in or upstream of your location, and you are in or near a burn scar area, YOU ARE AT RISK!

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